(c) what remedial measures have been taken by Government to remove the impediments in the development of small scale sector in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reviews the flow of credit to the SSI sector regularly in order to ensure timely and adequate credit availability. As a flow up to the recommendations of the Nayak Committee report the RBI have issued guidelines to all Scheduled Commercial Banks on 17th April, 1993 and 3rd July, 1993 which inter-alia, cover the following:—

(i) Banks have been asked to step up the credit flow to meet the legitimate requirements of the SSI sector in full during the Eighth Five Year Plan for which they would have to draw up an annual credit budget.

(ii) In respect of advances over Rs. 25,000 collateral security by way of immovable properties of third party guarantees may be asked for only in cases where the primary security is inadequate or for other valid reasons and not as a routine.

(iii) Banks have been advised to desist from the practice of insisting on compulsory deposit mobilisation as a pre-condition for sanction of credit to SSI units.

(iv) In case of SSI units where output exceeds the projections or where, the initial assessment of working capital is found inadequate suitable enhancement in the working capital limits should be considered by the competent authority as and when this is deemed necessary.

The bank credit outstanding against SSI sector during the last three is as under and shows an increasing trend in each year.

Year ending March	Rs. crore
1990	15,543
1991	17,181
1992	18,158

Manipulation through advance Licensing System

*296. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that through advance licensing system for duty free imports as inputs for manufactured exports, corporation, firms and propriety concern have manipulated and made huge illegal profits;

(b) if so, what are the details of such manipulations, modus operandi and adverse effects on revenue and amount involved in manipulation during the last three years;

(c) which are the ten major manipulatations;

(d) whether Government have taken action against them, if so, what are the details of such action and at what stage the action related cases are pending or disposed off and in what manner;

(e) whether on location of false imports, Government have charged them duty plus fine and recovered the imposed amounts from such 10 top manipulators; and

(f) whether the payment of duty drawbacks for value added manufactured goods by these duty free im-

porters are pending for their supplies to various Governments Departments, if so, wnat are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) A few cases of alleged manipulators of the provisions of Advance Licensing Scheme have been noticed by the Ministry of Commerce, who administer the scheme and monitor the export obilgations. The relevant provisions shall be reviewed to plug the loopholes and action against such parties will be taken according to law.

(b) and (c) The manipulaton could relate to over invoicing of export goods or over statement of CIF value of inputs in application for Advance Licences in order to avail higher CIF value of duty free inputs, inclusion of items indivenously available or items attracting very low rate of duty in application for Advance Licence to inflate the CIF value wnich could be used for import of higher duty items under Value Based Advance Licences. Since Value Based Advance Licences were introduced w.e.f. 1-4-92 and the cases are yet under investigation, information for the last three years cannot be furnished. The Department of Revenue has detected some cases.

(d) and (e) Some cases are under investigation and action according to law will be taken.

(f) Under the Customs Act, 1962, duty drawback is admissible only on exports and not on supply to Government Departments.

British/Austrian aid to A. P. Projects

*297. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government posed "Jurala Hydro Electric Project" to the British and Austrian Governments for providing grants/soft loan as requested by the A.P. Government

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what is the amount expected/ sanctioned from/by the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N. K. P. SALVE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested Ministry of Finance to pose the Jurala Hydro-Electric Project to the British and Austrian Governments for grants/ soft loans. The project has not been posed for availing of assistance from the two countries since Environmental clearance for the project has not been given.

Relief/subsidy to riot affected Persons

*298. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases and amount of Relief/Subsidy given to the Riot Affected Borrowers uptill 31st July, 1993;

(b) the total number and amount of claims applied for; and

(c) what are the further concessions which are under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Member presumably is referring to the relief given to the November, 1984 riot affected borrowers. Reserve Bank